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FYI – we haven't heard that Shapiro signed the petition response today so we're assuming it will happen tomorrow or later this week. Matt talked to MacIntyre and shared the HQ desk statement with him. Sounds like Mark will call Ecology (Sandy Howard) and let her know what is in the desk statement. HQ asked us not to share the desk statement with Ecology until Shapiro signs the petition response. Let me know if you have any questions, thanks.

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Hi Janine,

Please use the below desk statement for the WA NWEA petition denial. We anticipate a signature next week (May 30).

**Northwest Environmental Advocates Petition Response
Desk Statement**

On May 30, 2017, EPA signed a response to an October 2013 petition for rulemaking from the Northwest Environmental Advocates (NWEA). The petition requests that EPA use its federal rulemaking authority under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(c)(4)(B) to update water quality criteria for toxics to protect human health and aquatic life in Washington. Specifically, the request is that EPA promulgate human health criteria for arsenic, thallium and dioxin as well as update Washington's aquatic life criteria as necessary to meet

requirements of CWA section 303(c)(2)(B). Considering Washington's significant progress in developing and adopting revised human health criteria and anticipated updates to the state's aquatic life criteria in the future, EPA denied the petition. EPA works closely with Washington, providing both technical and programmatic guidance for the development of protective water quality standards. In November 2016, EPA took action approving 45 human health criteria and finalized a federal rule that revised 144 additional human health criteria applicable to Washington's waters, which became effective December 28, 2016.